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## INDIANS COMPLETE COURSE ON COMMUNITY ACTION

Eighteen Indian tribal members from Montana and Wyoming were awarded certificates for their successful completion of the eight-week, Community Action Implementation Training Program at the University of Montana.

Tom Collins, UM Director of Indian Services, presented the certificates for UM President Robert Johns, who was unable to attend the ceremony. Collins said the UM program was unique because such a program is not usually handled on the campus, but is carried out by sending university training groups out to each of the reservations.

Certificates were awarded to Leo M. Kennerly, Sr. and Stanley J. Spotted Wolfe of the Blackfeet nation; Gerald Brown and Victor Charlo of the Flathead nation; Mrs. Beverly Big Man, Bernard Cummins and Joy Toineeta of the Crow nation; John Olson and Harold Boyd from Fort Peck; Raymond Gone and William Tucker from Fort Belknap; Carl Gladue and Norval Austin Ahenakew from the Great Falls landless; Freda Beazley of the State Office of Economic Opportunity, Missoula; and Lawrence Mead, William Trosper, John Warren and Chester St. Clair from Wind River, Wyoming.

Dr. Lyal Holder of Pasco, Wash., project director, told the participants they had completed part of the program on the campus and it was up to them to finish by using what they had learned when they returned home.

He said they had made a great sacrifice by being away from their homes long enough to complete the program.

All of the participants thanked the project leaders for their teaching

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and patience, and the University for providing them the opportunity. They said their stay on the campus for eight weeks was most enjoyable and valuable.

Some of the participants gave their own views regarding the value of the program: Mrs. Big Man from Hardin said she thought they had gained a new self-confidence in their abilities to determine and accomplish improvement programs.

St. Clair from Wyoming was glad to see such a Montana institution as the University of Montana taking an interest in the Indians.

Charlo said the participants should thank themselves along with the praise for the University, for working and learning together so well. He said they now had something they could give their people.

The training program was proposed and conducted by the UM School of Education. Dr. James R. Thrasher, dean of the school, said the subcontract of \$37,237, under which the program was operated, came from the Office of Economic Opportunity.

All the money originally appropriated for this purpose had been granted to a consortium composed of the University of Utah, the University of South Dakota and Arizona State University. Those schools thought the UM proposal effective enough to include it in the program.